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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KENNETH O'DONNELL
THE WHITE HOUSE

Through: Mr. McGeorge Bundy

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Enclosure:

Mr. Rudzitis Letter to G. Mennen Williams.

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November 9, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM BRUBECK

Re the attached, the President will not be able to receive the Latvian Free World Federation. Schedule for the entire week of November 12th very heavy.

Kenneth O'Donnell

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Special Assistant to the President

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October 23, 1962

The Honorable G. Mennen Williams
Assistant Secretary of State for
African Affairs
State Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor Williams:

The Executive Board of the Latvian Free World Federation will be meeting for the first time in Washington, D.C. on November 10th and 11th, 1962.

The Federation is composed of the Latvian Associations in the United States, Australia, Canada and Western Europe, and the presidents of these organizations are scheduled to come to Washington for this occasion.

Knowing your continuous interest in the Latvian affairs, we kindly request your assistance and help in securing an audience with the President any day from November 9th to November 15th, 1962. The delegation would like to express it's gratitude on behalf of the Latvians throughout the world for the position taken and maintained by this country in the issue of the forcible Soviet occupation and annexation of Latvia in 1940.

If the President will find it possible to honor the Federation's request, this will be the first time a Latvian delegation is received by the President of the United States. This would be a major morale factor in keeping up the spirit not only of the Latvians in the Free World in their continued effort to help the country of their origin to regain freedom from the Soviet yoke, but also of the Latvians behind the Iron Curtain in their resistance to Communist domination and ideology.

Also at this time may we express our gratitude for your outstanding cooperation in the past and your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Sigurds Rudzitis
Counselor